

Hey its Rich, saw I missed a call from you on my cell. Let me know if you need me.
Hey it's Rich. You're not going to get an exception. Ryan hasn't granted any and the WH has been firm. I need to let folks know asap. Give a ring on my cell. (b)(6) Rich Gold's cellphone number
We did not get the exception so meeting is off. So sorry but it's out of my control. We can find another time or folks can go on Tuesday
There is some talk of having you all stay over and doing the meeting Thursday.
Is that possible? We could certainly do that we would have to cancel some other meetings
Yup. I think the Administrator's office will be reaching out.
Steven and Chris wouldn't be there I don't think unless they get other directions
Well, we'll see how it all plays out. Worth a shot.
Any news? We gotta tell our members and didn't want to two-step it
FYI...Ladies and Gentlemen of the PCI Group:

The meeting with EPA scheduled for Wednesday, tomorrow, may be changing because of the Government Closure Wednesday - arising from the state funeral of President Bush. We hope to know more this morning about whether they will be available Thursday, the second day of our meeting. We will keep you all updated as information becomes available.
We are not able to reschedule for Thursday as We have already scheduled commitments. My suggestion would be for folks to come today and then schedule another time in January maybe for Steven and Chris to come talk to the group
Most folks are not in town yet. We'll see where it goes.
Let me know if you have a minute to talk
So this statement alone may be the end of the discussion: Sheryl Bilbrey - EPA wants 100% RD for entire river by end of 2019. The March letter stands.
Then this: Disappointed that EPA seems convinced state is doing a great job on source control.
I'm salty about them abandoning the closer group talk but I'm hearing the following: you all need to solve this problem. You come to us (epa) with a plan. We will "work with you" but we won't negotiate off the model RD AOC- so nobody should expect a Pre-RD negotiation. We want 100% of the river in design for a 100% design. But It should not be that many deals - 8-10 max. design should take 2-3 years max followed immediately with readiness for RA which will also only be based on model CD- don't expect to negotiate. Also, your incentive (you PRPs) is that we won't enforce on you. Finally, you prps should come to us in January with your plans and we should expect to be done with negotiations for RD in June. I can't imagine they leave feeling like they will catch a fish off of this stiff exchange but again, maybe I'm clouded by how pissed I am.